

resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the NEA is soliciting comments concerning conducting new information collection on arts activities that involve live audiences and that are funded through its Art Works program. A copy of the survey instrument to be used in the information collection can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the address section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the address section below on or before April 16, 2012. The NEA is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

**ADDRESSES:** Sunil Iyengar, National Endowment for the Arts, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Room 616, Washington, DC 20506-0001, telephone (202) 682-5424 (this is not a toll-free number), fax (202) 682-5677.

Dated: February 15, 2013.

**Kathy Plowitz-Worden,**

*Panel Coordinator, National Endowment for the Arts.*

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## **NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES**

### **Submission for OMB Review, Comment Request, Proposed Collection: Public Needs for Library and Museum Services (PNLMS) Survey**

**AGENCY:** Institute of Museum and Library Services.

**ACTION:** Submission for OMB Review, Comment Request.

**SUMMARY:** The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). This pre-clearance consultation program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed.

A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the individual listed below in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee section below on or before March 20, 2013.

IMLS is particularly interested in comments that help the agency to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques, or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

**ADDRESSES:** Deanne Swan, Senior Statistician, Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation, Institute of Museum and Library Services, 1800 M St. NW., 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20036. Dr. Swan can be reached by Telephone: 202-653-4769, Fax: 202-653-4601, or by email at [dswan@imls.gov](mailto:dswan@imls.gov), or by teletype (TTY/TDD) for persons with hearing difficulty at 202-653-4614.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the Nation's 123,000 libraries and 17,500 museums. The Institute's mission is to create strong

libraries and museums that connect people to information and ideas. The Institute works at the national level and in coordination with state and local organizations to sustain heritage, culture, and knowledge; enhance learning and innovation; and support professional development. IMLS is responsible for identifying national needs for, and trends of, museum and library services funded by IMLS; reporting on the impact and effectiveness of programs conducted with funds made available by IMLS in addressing such needs; and identifying, and disseminating information on, the best practices of such programs. (20 U.S.C. Chapter 72, 20 U.S.C. 9108).

**Abstract:** Consistent with this (20 U.S.C. Chapter 72, 20 U.S.C. 9108), the intention of the PNLMS (formerly the PDMLS, Public Demand for Museum and Library Services Survey) is to monitor expectations of and satisfaction with library and museum services. A wide range of topics will be covered, with a small number of questions about each topic included on the questionnaire. The PNLMS will include a core set of demographic questions (e.g., age, gender, race) and a core set of questions based on critical information needs within IMLS (e.g., satisfaction with the library and museum services; frequency of utilization of various services; physical and virtual access to services).

The purpose of this collection is to determine attitudes, to assess awareness of issues related to library and museum services, and to track trends. The survey will be used to gather information on a wide range of library and museum services. The design of the PNLMS will be a random digital dial ("RDD") telephone survey of the adult, non-institutionalized U.S. population which will yield a minimum of 3,525 cases.

**Current Actions:** This notice proposes clearance of the Public Needs for Library and Museum Services (PNLMS) Survey. The 60-day notice for the PDMLS (now PNLMS) Survey was published in the **Federal Register** on November 29, 2010, (FR vol. 75, No. 228, pgs. 73132-73133). The agency has taken into consideration the comment that was received under this notice.

**Agency:** Institute of Museum and Library Services.

**Title:** Public Needs for Library and Museum Services Survey.

**OMB Number:** To Be Determined.

**Agency Number:** 3137.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or households.

**Number of Respondents:** 3,525.

**Frequency:** Anticipated for Every Three Years.

*Estimated Average Burden per Response:* 18 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 1,058 hours.

*Total Annualized capital/startup costs:* n/a.

*Total Annualized cost to respondents:* \$21,130.

*Total Annual costs to Federal Government:* \$601,306.

*Contact:* Comments should be sent to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn.: OMB Desk Officer for Education, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, (202) 395-7316.

Dated: February 14, 2013.

**Kim Miller,**

*Management Analyst.*

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## PEACE CORPS

### Public Availability of Office of Acquisitions and Contract Management FY 2012 Service Contract Inventory

**AGENCY:** Office of Acquisitions and Contract Management (OACM), Peace Corps.

**ACTION:** Notice of Public Availability of FY 2012 Service Contract Inventories.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with Section 743 of Division C of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2010 (Pub. L. 111-117), the Office of Acquisitions and Contract Management is publishing this notice to advise the public of the availability of the FY 2012 Service Contract inventory. This inventory provides information on service contract actions over \$25,000 that were made in FY 2012. The information is organized by function to show how contracted resources are distributed throughout the agency. The inventory has been developed in accordance with guidance issued on November 5, 2010 by the Office of Management and Budget's Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP). OFPP's guidance is available at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/procurement/memo/servicecontract-inventories-guidance-11052010.pdf>. The Office of Acquisitions and Contract Management has posted its inventory and a summary of the inventory on the Peace Corps homepage at the following link: <http://www.peacecorps.gov/open/documents/>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Questions regarding the service contract inventory should be directed to Sandra R. Harrell in the Office of Acquisitions

and Contract Management/Procurement Policy at 202-692-1107 or [sharrell@peacecorps.gov](mailto:sharrell@peacecorps.gov).

Dated: February 12, 2013.

**Sandra R. Harrell,**

*Chief of Procurement Policy, Office of Acquisitions and Contract Management.*

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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### Debarment, Suspension, and Ineligibility of Contractors

**AGENCY:** U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is providing notice of its intent to adopt the policies and procedures contained in the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) regarding the debarment, suspension, and ineligibility of government contractors. As an executive agency, OPM follows the FAR as appropriate and applicable. As OPM's procurement rules are not contained in the Code of Federal Regulations, these new rules will be contained in an internal OPM document referred to as "Contracting Policy No. 9.4: OPM Suspension and Debarment Program" (hereinafter, OPM's contracting policy). As such, the proposed policy regarding debarment and suspension will be added to OPM's contracting policies. However, persons or entities seeking Government contracts could potentially be adversely affected if, pursuant to the proposed policy, they were debarred, suspended, or proposed for debarment by OPM. As such, OPM is providing interested persons an opportunity for notice and comment on this proposed policy.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before March 25, 2013.

OPM will publish the effective date of the proposed policy when responding to comments in a future notice.

**ADDRESSES:** Address all comments concerning this proposed policy to: U.S. Office of Personnel Management, Contracting; Attention: Contracting Policy, 1900 E Street NW., Washington, DC 20415; or email [patricia.broome@opm.gov](mailto:patricia.broome@opm.gov).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Patricia W. Broome, Director, Contracting Policy, 202-606-2952.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** OPM is required by law to seek comments before issuing a policy that has general applicability and legal effect. OPM

invites interested persons to comment on this proposed policy by submitting written comments. OPM will consider all comments received on or before the closing date for comments and may change the proposed policy based on the comments received.

Under OPM's proposed policy, OPM will follow FAR Subpart 9.4. OPM's Contracting Policy 9.4 states that it is OPM's policy to follow the FAR, and OPM has long-maintained procedures, consistent with FAR Subpart 9.4, that ensure that it contracts only with those entities and individuals (hereinafter, contractors) who are responsible. To make clear that FAR Subpart 9.4 applies, OPM has developed its Contracting Policy to formally and explicitly adopt FAR Subpart 9.4.

Except as provided in FAR Subpart 9.4, OPM will not solicit offers from, award contracts to, or consent to subcontracts with contractors who are listed on the Excluded Parties List System on the System for Award Management (SAM/EPLS), which is maintained by the General Services Administration. Further, if OPM debar, proposes for debarment, or suspends a contractor, OPM will, consistent with FAR Subpart 9.4, list that contractor in the SAM/EPLS. Consistent with FAR 9.405-1, OPM may continue an existing contract with a contractor despite the fact that the contractor has subsequently been debarred, proposed for debarment, or suspended if it is determined in the best interest of the Government to do so.

Consistent with the definitions of "debarment official" and "suspending official" contained at FAR 9.403, the Director, as the head of OPM, will serve as the debarment official and suspending official (hereinafter, debarment/suspension official). The Director may designate another OPM official to serve as the debarment/suspension official. The Director or other designated Debarment Official will also be responsible for deciding whether to solicit offers from, award contracts to, or consent to subcontracts with contractors who have been debarred, suspended, or proposed for debarment, and whether to terminate a current contract or subcontract in existence at the time the contractor was debarred, suspended, or proposed for debarment.

OPM's Contracting Policy Office (CPO), which is responsible for the majority of OPM's contracting activities, will be designated as the OPM unit with primary responsibility for investigating and referring potential debarment and suspension actions to the debarment/suspension official for his or her consideration. OPM's procurement activities are largely centralized in CPO,